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SUBJECT: SOVIET YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS VISIT TO US

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1. FOLLOWING EMERGED FROM DEPARTMENTAL DEBRIEFING OF  
ACYPL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SPENCER OLIVER, CONCERNING APRIL 20  
-MAY 4 ACYPL-CYO EXCHANGE:

A. SOVDEL: SOVDEL WAS BEST SELECTED TO DATE REPRESENTING  
BROAD SPECTRUM OF PROFESSIONS IN SOVIET SOCIETY AND INCLUDED  
PROPORTIONALLY MORE SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS THAN PREVIOUS  
DELEGATIONS. CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS, IT CONTAINED  
VERY FEW "DUDS". AMONG SOVIET DELEGATES, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE:  
AMERICAN LITERATURE SPECIALIST FROM VOPROSY LITERATURY;  
POSTGRAD STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS FROM IMEMO AND USA INSTI-  
TUTE, INCLUDING A. G. ARBATOV, SON OF INSTITUTE DIRECTOR;  
HISTORIAN FROM THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES; FIRST SECRETARY OF  
MOSCOW KOMSOMOL; AND FIRST SECRETARY OF NABEREZHNY CHELNY  
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PARTY COMMITTEE. SOVDEL WAS WELL PREPARED FOR SEMINAR WITH

YOUNG AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERS AND WORKED HARD DURING SEMINAR. UNLIKE PREVIOUS SOVDELS, DELEGATES IN ONE OR TWO INSTANCES DISAGREED WITH ONE ANOTHER DURING SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS.

B. USDEL: USDEL AT SEMINAR REPRESENTED MANY SECTORS OF AMERICAN POLITICAL LIFE, INCLUDING CAPITOL HILL STAFFERS, STATE ASSEMBLYMEN, A STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, A MAYOR, A STATE COMPTROLLER, AND A PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. QUALITY OF US PARTICIPATION WAS BEST IN HISTORY OF ACYPL-CYO EXCHANGES.

C. IMPROVEMENTS IN PROGRAM: HOMESTAYS (IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA. AND WASHINGTON, D.C.) WERE MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN BEFORE, LARGELY BECAUSE HOST FAMILIES WERE BETTER CROSS SECTION OF US POPULATION THAN IN PAST EXCHANGES. SOVDEL REACTED VERY FAVORABLY TO ACTIVE DISCUSSION ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS AT DEPARTMENT. WE WILL PLAN LONGER SUCH SESSIONS IN FUTURE ACYPL-CYO EXCHANGES. SOVDEL ALSO APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HARVARD FACULTY MEMBERS IN THEIR FIELDS. ARBATOV, FOR EXAMPLE, TALKED AT LENGTH WITH ADAM YARMOLINSKY ON MID-60'S US DEFENSE POLITY, THE SUBJECT OF ARBATOV'S DISSERTATION.(YARMOLINSKY WAS IMPRESSED BY ARBATOV'S COMMAND OF HISTORICAL DETAIL. ARBATOV IMPRESSED US AS WELL INFORMED, POISED, AND PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN RESEARCH. HE APPEARED SOMEWHAT SHY AND WAS UNDERSTANDABLY GUARDED ABOUT CONTACTS WITH DEPT OFFICERS.)

D. INTERESTS OF SOVDEL: SOVDEL WAS POLITICALLY WELL-INFORMED AND SOUGHT TO AVOID POLEMICS (E.G. ARBATOV PRIVATELY APOLOGIZED TO ONE OF SEN. SPARKMAN'S STAFFERS FOR DISPARAGING REMARKS MADE ABOUT THE SENATOR BY SOVDEL MEMBER DURING SEMINAR MEETING). SOVDEL RARELY RAISED ISSUE OF VIETNAM, THOUGH SAIGON EVACUATION AND FALL DOMINATED HEADLINES DURING SEMINAR. DURING ENTIRE TRIP, SOVDEL ACTIVELY PROMOTED EXPANSION OF YOUTH EXCHANGES WITH US.SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, AS AREAS WHERE SOVIETS HOPE TO EXPAND, WERE EXCHANGES OF LABOR LEADERS, STUDENT LEADERS, AND CONGRESSMEN.

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E. FUTURE ACYPL-CYO EXCHANGES: OLIVER SAID ACYPL-CYO PLANS NOW CALL FOR SOVIET POLITICAL JOURNALISTS TO VISIT US IN SEPT.; US POLITICAL LEADERS TO VISIT USSR IN LATE OCT.; AND US POLITICAL JOURNALISTS TO VISIT USSR IN EARLY NOV. BOTH US DELEGATIONS WOULD BE IN USSR FOR NOV. 7 CELEBRATION. DEPT BELIEVES LONGER SOVDEL STAYS IN US, WOULD ENHANCE PROGRAM AND WILL AGAIN ENCOURAGE THIS.

2. FYI: SOVDEL MEMBER INFORMED OLIVER THAT SOVDEL LATE  
ARRIVAL WAS DUE TO BEING "BUMPED" FROM AEROFLOT FLIGHT BY  
BOLSHOI BALLET AT LAST MINUTE. END FYI.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS VISIT BEING POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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